THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Number of 5000 H.P. locos manufactured by Indian Railways at Chitaranjan Locomotive Works are as under:

1990-91	Nil
1991-92	1
1992-93	5
1993-94 (Uptill now)	9

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Twenty.

(e) These locomotives are an improved version of the 3850 HP WAG5 Electric Locomotives using higher capacity transformer, rectifier and higher adhesion bogies, all designed and manufactured indigenously. They are capable of hauling the train at higher balancing speeds. Besides stalling of the train is avoided to a large extent by using these locomotives.

Transportation of coal to Raichur Thermal Power Station

2516. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has made a request to the Central Government to ensure supply of crushed coal only below 200MM to Raichur Thermal Power Station by taking up the matter with the coal companies and also to avoid diversion of coal rakes carrying bulky lumps above 200 MM; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the claim of the State Government for refund of excess freight charged on coal movement is pending with the Railways and if so, whether the Railways would ensure that the refund is made and in future the freight is charged for the coal on actual distance moved depending upon the rail traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Movement of coal is organised as per linkage drawn out by the Standing Linkage Committee The Coal Companies have to ensure loading of proper size of coal and Railways have no role to play in the matter. No diversion of coal rakes for Raichur Power House is being done by Railways.

(b) Yes, Sir. The case will be disposed of on merits.

Purchase of electric Locomotives from Asea Brown Bovery (A.B.B.)

2517. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have conducted a survey after taking the final decision to purchase the electric locomotives of 6,000 horse power from multipurpose company, Asea Brown Bovery (A.B.B.), to ascertain whether the load bearing capacity of railways tracks in our country can withstand the normal speed of such powerful locomotives;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the total number of such locomotives for which Government have since placed the purchase order and the manner in which the locomotives are proposed to be used for running the trains together with the places between which they are proposed to be used in running the trains; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that there is a plan under consideration to improve the level of working in the Chittaranpan Locomotives, which is engaged in manufacturing activity in the country, to make it capable of manufacturing these locomotives in the country itself in the future?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAY (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The existing track structure on important Broad Gauge routes is adequate for running of new electric locomotives

at their normal speed. There is no need for any specific change in track structure for running these locomotives.

(c) Thirty. Freight locomotives are proposed to be used on high density routes of Eastern and Northern Railways. Passenger locomotives are proposed to be used for working Rajdhani type trains connecting metropolitan towns.

(d) Yes, Sir.

मध्य प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की घोषणा

2518. श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता : क्या **जल भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय यातायात नीति की समिति ने वर्ष 1984 में मध्य प्रदेश में सात मार्गों को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित करने की सिफारिश की है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों का घनत्व 0.67 किलोमीटर है, जो देश में न्यूनतम है ;

(ग) क्या उक्त असमानता को दूर करने पर विचार किया जा रहा है ;

(घ) क्या 148-204 किलोमीटर मार्ग, राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग संख्या 12 के कार्य सं० एम०पी० 9-94 के निर्माण के लिये 211 करोड़ रुपये की धनराशि स्वीकृत करने का प्रस्ताव है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इसे कब तक स्वीकृति दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) :

(क) एन० टी० पी० सी० (राष्ट्रीय परिवहन नीति समिति) ने मई, 1980 में प्रस्तुत की गयी अपनी रिपोर्ट में अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ मध्य प्रदेश में नौ सड़कों को नये राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के रूप में घोषित करने की सिफारिश की थी। तथापि, दो सड़कों को पहले ही नये राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के रूप में घोषित किया जा चुका है।

(ख) तथा (ग) मध्य प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की संघनता प्रति 100 वर्ग कि० मी० 0.67 कि० मी० है, जबकि अखिल भारतीय औसत 1.036 कि० मी०/100 वर्ग कि०मी० है। तथापि राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के संबंध में, किसी क्षेत्र/स्थान/जनसंख्या अथवा राज्य स्तर के आधार पर नहीं बल्कि विभिन्न मानदण्डों के साथ-साथ उक्त सड़क की समग्र प्राथमिकता और विशेषकर इस प्रयोजनार्थ की निधियों की उपलब्धता को ध्यान में रखकर विचार किया जाता है।

(घ) जी नहीं।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Development of NH No. 55

2519. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what amount was allotted for the improvement, extension and development of National Highway No. 55 and released during the last two years; and

(b) what are the proposals at hand for the further development of this National Highway and Funds allotted for the year 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER). (a) and (b) Funds are allotted/released State-wise and not National Highway-wise. However, for the development and maintenance of all the National Highways in West Bengal including NH-55 following amounts have been allotted/released during the last two years—